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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR GROSS: WE HAVE RECEIVED A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST TO SEND TO YOU FOR AUTHENTICATION A DOCUMENT NOTARIZED BY VILNIUS NOTARY J. MIEZENIENE. OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT YOU DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE THE SIGNATURES AND SEALS OF LOCAL NOTARIES AND THAT YOU ONLY AUTHENTICATE THE AUTHENTICATIONS OF MFA AND/OR CERTAIN REPUBLIC OFFICIALS. PLEASE LET US KNOU SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY RESPOND TO THE REQUEST.

2. RE STATE 057437 AND MOSCOW 03856 ON GOODISON'S REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON FSI LANGUAGE TRAINING, IF YOU HAVE SENT, OR WHEN YOU SEND, YOUR COMMENTS, COULD WE BE INFORMED AND HAVE A COPY? WE WANT TO PUT OUR SHOULDER INTO EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TRAINING.

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3. RE PARA 2 OF MOSCOW 06561, PROCESS FOR TRANSFERRING WEISZ TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE VICE HAMILTON (OLD KURSCH POSITION) IS UNDERWAY AND YOU CAN COUNT ON IT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

4. REF MOSCOW 06422 ABOUT CLOSING MT. ALTO TO THE SOVIETS, WE DID NOT ASK THE SOVIETS TO PROVIDE UPDATED BLUE LISTS

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AND WHITE LISTS BECAUSE BY CHANCE THEY HAD JUST DONE SO TO PROTOCOL. WE PHONED THE EMBASSY AND ASKED FOR A PRECISE UPDATE AS OF APRIL 3.

5. WE WERE READY TO CALL IN VASEV TODAY (APRIL 3) TO PRESENT NOTE ON HOUSING BUT SOVEMBASSY REQUESTED THAT THE MEETING BE PUT OFF UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL 4. SINCE THEY KNEW THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING, WE ASSUME VASEV WANTED TO CHECK WITH MOSCOW FOR THE LATEST REPORT ON EMBASSY HOUSING BEFORE COMING IN. WE DECIDED TO ALLOW HIM TO GET SOMETHING FROM MOSCOW AND AGREED TO THE POSTPONEMENT.

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